

Amendments to and listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming system comprising:
a host having a communication function unit; and
an image forming apparatus having a first communication unit, a second communication unit, and a relay unit,
wherein said first communication unit communicates data with said communication function unit via said relay unit in a first page description language (PDL) and said second communication unit communicates the data with said communication function unit via said relay unit in a second PDL different from the first PDL.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The image forming system according to claim 1, wherein
said image forming apparatus has a function information communication unit which communicates function information of at least one of said first and second communication units via said relay unit, and said host obtains the function information from said function information communication unit via said relay unit by said communication function unit, discriminates whether said function information corresponds to the host or not, and if it does not correspond to the host, notifies of such a fact.
5. (Original) The image forming system according to claim 4, wherein when a function information obtaining request of at least one of said first and second communication units is received from said host, said function information communication unit communicates function information of a processing apparatus connected to the relevant communication unit via said relay unit.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The image forming system according to claim 1, wherein said relay unit and said host are connected by a set of I/F capable of receiving and transmitting.

8. (Original) The image forming system according to claim 7, wherein said relay unit and said host are connected by an I/F cable of USB.

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a relay unit to which a host, a first communication unit, and a second communication unit are connected;

said first communication unit which communicates data with said host via said relay unit in a first page description language (PDL); and

said second communication unit which communicates the data with said host via said relay unit in a second PDL different from the first PDL.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, ~~more~~ further comprising:

a function information communication unit which communicates function information of at least one of said first and second communication units via said relay unit, and said host obtains the function information from said function information communication unit via said relay unit by said communication function unit, discriminates whether said function information corresponds to the host or not, and if it does not correspond to the host, notifies of such a fact.

13. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 12, wherein when a function information obtaining request of at least one of said first and second communication

units is received from said host, said function information communication unit communicates function information of a processing apparatus connected to the relevant communication unit via said relay unit.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said relay unit and said host are connected by a set of I/F capable of receiving and transmitting.

16. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said relay unit and said host are connected by an I/F cable of USB.

17. (New) The image forming system according to claim 1, wherein the image forming system further includes a first language processing unit that processes data received by the first communication unit as the first PDL, and a second language processing unit that processes data received by the second communication unit as the second PDL.

18. (New) The image forming system according to claim 17, wherein the image forming system further includes a development processing unit that converts a display list processed by the first language processing unit and a display list processed by the second language processing unit into image data and sends the image data to an engine.

19. (New) The image forming system according to claim 1, wherein the host further includes a first printer driver that converts an output of an application into the first PDL, and a second printer driver that converts the output of the application into the second PDL different from the first PDL.

20. (New) The image forming system according to claim 1, wherein the image forming system further includes a first buffer that stores data received by the first communication

unit in the first PDL, and a second buffer that stores data received by the second communication unit in the second PDL.

21. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:
a first language processing unit that processes data received by the first communication unit as the first PDL; and

a second language processing unit that processes data received by the second communication unit as the second PDL.

22. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising:
a development processing unit that converts a display list processed by the first language processing unit; and

a display list processed by the second language processing unit into image data and sends the image data to an engine.

23. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the host has a first printer driver that converts an output of an application into the first PDL, and a second printer driver that converts the output of the application into the second PDL different from the first PDL.

24. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:
a first buffer that stores data received by the first communication unit in the first PDL;

and

a second buffer that stores data received by the second communication unit in the second PDL.